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Remarks

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found at paragraph 93, page 22, and Figures 7-9 where a "scalloped inflow annulus of the replacement valve" is described. Figures 1B and 2 depict a valve having three leaflets as claimed in amended claim 3.

Allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-7, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

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